



Governor's Office of Storm Recovery

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Governor's Office of Storm Recovery Announces Completion of Resiliency Improvements in Ulster County

Emergency Preparedness Measures Installed at Rosendale Town Facilities

Rosendale, N.Y. - The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) today announced the completion of a resiliency project in Rosendale that will make two of its critical facilities better able to withstand future emergencies.

The project included the installation of new 45kW emergency backup power generators to the town's Recreational Complex and Municipal Center to ensure both facilities are better able to assist residents during emergencies. The generators will supply continuous power to the two facilities so they can function during power outages, weather events, and other disasters. The town utilizes the Complex as an emergency shelter for residents during major storms and the Center is a critical space for first responders to coordinate emergency response efforts.

The Recreational Complex was also winterized and made fully accessible so that the facility will act as a full-service evacuation shelter and provide relief during emergencies.

GOSR Executive Director Katie Brennan said, "As we approach the height of hurricane season, it's important to remember that major storms like Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee are happening more and more. This project is helping to ensure these vital facilities remain the safe spaces for residents and first responders depend on."

During Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee in 2011, buildings across Rosendale, including the two critical facilities, lost power. This disruption severely limited the town's ability to coordinate emergency response efforts and help residents impacted by the storms.

The Municipal Center is shared by the towns of Rosendale and Marbletown. GOSR partnered with both towns on the generator installation at the facility. The project was funded by a \$550,000 investment from GOSR as well as investments of \$73,000 each from the towns.

Senator Mike Martucci said, "I have heard frequently from our area first responders about the need for tools that can keep lines of communication open during an emergency. These new generators will become not only a critical component to future response efforts and put emergency personnel in the best position to succeed, but also provide a measure of security to residents seeking shelter in the town's facilities. I am grateful that the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery has made this investment in a community that has a demonstrated need."

Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "Thanks to this collaborative investment made by our State and the Towns of Rosendale and Marbletown, our communities will be safer and better served during major storm events. As we continue to see the disastrous effects of severe weather—most recently the winter ice storm that ravaged Ulster County—bolstering local resiliency measures must be an urgent priority to protect our residents and help our first responders lead us through these emergencies. I thank Governor Hochul and her team for their continued partnership in helping our region prepare for and respond to natural disasters driven by climate change."

"Governor Kathy Hochul has been so attentive to the weather emergencies we have experienced in our region. These improvements to the Town Hall and Community Center are still another example of that and will serve as key points of communication and shelter in the event of emergencies. As we experience more frequent and powerful weather events it is vital that Rosendale has adequate emergency response on both sides of the Rondout," said Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess).

"The Rosendale Recreational Complex and Municipal Center have been critical to the safety of our Rosendale and Marbletown communities during recent storms, and I want to thank Governor Hochul's Office of Storm Recovery for the improvements made there so the facilities are more resilient in case of future emergencies. This not only protects our Ulster County residents but supports our emergency responders who work tirelessly to keep us safe," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said.

About GOSR

Established in June 2013, GOSR coordinates statewide recovery efforts for Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene, and Tropical Storm Lee. Through its NY Rising Housing Recovery, Small Business, Community Reconstruction, Infrastructure, and Rebuild by Design programs, GOSR invests \$4.5 billion in federal Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery funding to better prepare New York for extreme weather events. More information about GOSR and its programs is available at <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/>.

Through the NY Rising Community Reconstruction (NYRCR) and Infrastructure Programs, the State takes on a variety of initiatives developed during its bottom-up community planning process to improve resiliency, protect critical infrastructure, mitigate the risks of loss and damage associated with future disasters, and reduce hardship.

Now in the implementation stage, GOSR works with a variety of municipal, county, and non-profit partners to bring hundreds of locally devised proposals to fruition.

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